



The AHHA! Moment

Newsletter of the Alamo Heights Historical Association

November 11, 2022

NOVEMBER 8, 1920.
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NAME IS ON TABLET

San Antonian's Memory to Be Honored by Wilson and Company.

The name of Harold S. Baxter, of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Baxter of San Antonio, who was killed in action in France, October 5, 1918, while serving as a first lieutenant with the Tenth Machine Gun Battalion, Fourth Division, will appear with eighteen others on a handsome bronze tablet which will be unveiled Armistice day at Wilson and Company's general offices in Chicago. Lieutenant Baxter was employed by Wilson and Company at Brownsville before entering the service.

The tablet, of cast bronze, was subscribed to by Wilson employees and will be unveiled by Thomas E. Wilson, president.

Lieutenant Baxter was born May 1896, and was graduated from Alamo Heights school. He was one of the original members of Battery "B".

Today is Veterans Day, but in 1921 it was known as Armistice Day to mark the armistice signed between the Allies of World War I and Germany at Compiègne, France, at 5:45 am for the cessation of hostilities on the Western Front of World War I, which took effect at eleven in the morning—the "eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month" of 1918. A young Alamo Heights school graduate was killed in action but was remembered on a plaque in Chicago. Is it still there I wonder?

The only mention I could find of Armistice Day commemorations in Alamo Heights, other than games and picnics, was in 1938. I couldn't locate any other mention of the singing group. Are there any descendants in AHHA?

NOVEMBER 9, 1938
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ALAMO HEIGHTS SCHOOL
ARMISTICE PROGRAM

Commemorating Armistice Day, Alamo Heights Senior Students present a program depicting the futility of war and the triumph of peace, at 10 a. m. Thursday, in the school auditorium.

Pauline Carson will sing "Let Us Forget" and football

Everyone at the founding meeting of the Alamo Heights Historical Association had a great time, and to quote Allen Casey.... "Were amazed at the serious batch of qualifications

represented there, - historians, preservationists, website creators, residential architects, city planners, oral history creators, strategic management professionals”



Alamo Heights History Association - 1st meeting November 10, 2022

Starting on back row

4th Row: Linda Johnson, Jay Higgs, Matt Badders

3rd Row: Tyrrell Kott, Gene Marck, David Brigham, David Simpson

2nd Row: Ashley Armes; Kait Gish, Marijane Gish, Shelley Roff, Jessica Mitchell, Michael Carroll, John Feitshans;
Jeff McKittrick, Antoinette Ziino

1st Row: (empty chair-Gregg Eckhardt taking photo) Sarah Reveley, Molly Conner, Mary Lou Casey,
Allen Casey, Lynne Miller, Natalie Smith, Doug Smith

Natalie Vasquez Smith took notes during the meeting and outlined some of the notes/areas of interest/potential subcommittees that were identified. (Bless you Natalie!)

Urban Planning/Land Use

Trolley Lines

Individual Homes/Architecture/Archaeology

Oral Histories

Website development/Digital Archiving

Communication/Marketing -

-AH Stroll Magazine -SA Express News -Citywide mailer

AHHA Collateral/Events -Presentations/Lectures -Tours -Membership

Next Steps:

Sarah Reveley to develop gmail listserv for AHHA members to facilitate communication.

-Solicit interest for AHHA chairs/officers

Determine date for next meeting - 1/12/2023 proposed - using an evite that would automatically track Rsvps

Agenda

I. Governance Structure

A. Review Requirements for 501c3 Application

B. Elect Officers

C. Determine Meeting Cadence

II. Review Potential Committees/Establish Members

A. Determine Scope

B. Timing (may want to narrow/concentrate scope to gain community buy-in and produce marketable deliverables)

III. Determine Timeline for 501c3 Application

IV. Other

V. Next Steps

David Simpson brought a surprise treasure of over 20 photos of the Willard Simpson family and home dating back to 1893, which is now being scanned. Willard Simpson's autobiography written in 1954 when he was 70, and a letter from his sister to TMI explaining the roles of Willard and his brother Guy in the design and engineering of TMI.

The meeting broke up a little before 7:30, except for the members discussing the trolley in a huddle in the council chambers. They may still be there.

The Daily Light.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 3, 1892.

—Saturday night, the wind being so strong, blew down the trolley wire of the Alamo Heights electric line on River avenue and a cow was struck. The animal died in a few moments.

A mailing list is being created this weekend as AHHA09@googlegroups.com so check your spam folders! All emails I have will be added. We can post pictures and have conversations.